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1. All persons intending to leave Canton must submit the following information to the Canton authorities in order to obtain a travel permit: Name, destination, date of departure, and approximate date of return to Canton. No rail-road or bus ticket for points outside of Canton can be purchased without a travel permit.
2. In order to implement the public announcement regarding the tightening of travel controls, Kwangtung authorities decided to put the following into effect as of 15 February:
 - a. All travelers and cargo leaving or entering China through Kwangtung are to do so only through five Kwangtung border towns.**
 - b. Customs inspection stations are to be established in each of these border towns for the examination of cargo. Joint inspection stations are to be set up in these towns to examine travelers, their permits, and their personal baggage.
 - c. Large numbers of observation posts are to be set up in areas along the Kwangtung coast to prevent illegal entries and departures.
3. The following is a description of the Canton Residence Certificate, which is now being issued by the Canton authorities:
 - a. The certificate is in booklet form, 3½ inches long and 2½ inches wide, with a red cloth cover. It contains 12 pages, including the covers.
 - b. On page one, the cover, is printed "Canton Residence Certificate" and the serial number of the booklet.
 - c. On page two are the name, sex, age, native home, and photo of the bearer of the certificate.
 - d. On page three is a short personal history of the bearer of the certificate, including educational background, religion, party affiliations, name of

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spouse if married, special identifying characteristics, and number of members of the family with relationship stated.

- e. On page four are given the address of the bearer and the date of arrival in Canton, if the bearer is not a native of that area.
- f. On page five is space for notation of the date of departure from Canton and date of return, if the bearer travels from Canton.
- g. On page six is the occupation of the bearer.
- h. On page seven is space for the remarks of any official inspector.
- i. Pages eight, nine, ten, and the end cover page are blank.
- j. On page eleven are printed the regulations governing the use of the Canton Residence Certificate.

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- * ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. According to the press, a large number of people desiring to leave Kwangtung for Hong Kong were turned back at the border on 15 February. At least one thousand persons were turned back from Shenchuan (114-08, 22-32) to Hong Kong on this date.

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- ** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. According to the press as of 1 February all Kwangtung border towns were closed except for Shenchuan, Swatow, Whampoa, Kungpei (113-32, 22-12), Peihai (109-05, 21-24), Chiangmen (113-06, 22-34), Tankeng (113-51, 24-17) and Wabee.

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